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## GENERAL CLEANING-UP WEEK FOR NEWPORT

The Woman's Improvement club have planned a general cleaning up week for Newport and have set the first week in April for the occasion. The members of this club will preach cleanliness, in the meantime and will see that the town has a thorough cleaning on that date.

A regular sanitary committee is to be named and through the suggestions of this committee many of the unsanitary features of the town can be eliminated.

Plans for the formal opening of the rest rooms were discussed at Saturday's meeting. A reception will be held at the rooms on the occasion of the opening of the rooms.

It was reported to the club that the Board of Aldermen were entering into the spirit of a more clean town and were taking up the question of garbage cans.

Among the papers which have featured the meetings of the club was one by Mrs. W. B. McSweeney, which in full is as follows:

The Woman's Club to be organized in Newport to me portends much good to the individual member and the community at large. We need something, some kind of a woman's organization, for mutual sympathy and help, and for the good we can be to our sisters. We could reach and benefit very much the girls and younger women of the town—coming into close contact with them and showing them that we have for them a tender sympathy and regard. We could lead them into ways of self improvement that might result in noble womanhood.

Woman has a divinely appointed work for woman, and to meet seems opportune that we organize ourselves to take up our long neglected work in our home town. With this in view I have been requested to outline the possibilities of such an organization and to

tell something I have known of similar organizations.

I wish to speak in the first place of an essential need. We must have a home, an adequate home. This must be secured before we can accomplish anything, and with this secured, we constitute ourselves the Newport Woman's Culture Club. I do not make this name as a permanent suggestion but merely that I may have something to call us. The first subject that I will consider is the Physical Culture. Every girl and young woman in Newport could be very much improved in form and beauty by an earnest and thorough course in physical culture. God has made woman to be beautiful in form and face. He has made her to be the embodiment of grace and refinement. Now, one of the possibilities of the Club to be, is to create a sentiment and work a revolution along.

### INTELLECTUAL CULTURE.

To-day it is a sin to be ignorant. It is almost a crime to say "I don't know," when knowledge is in such easy access. In nearly every home is an encyclopedia and most of the homes are burdened by magazines and new and fresh magazines are cheap.

Now, another possibility of the club to be, will be to create a thirst to know things—to create a love for reading—and a desire to read books of the best character. By the means of "Reviews" and "Current Events" we may keep ourselves in living touch with the whole world. And just here I may say, in connection with Clubs I have known, it is my pleasure to know of a club that had a very small beginning—a reading club. They struggled along for several months meeting from house to house. Books and magazines were donated and the club grew. It was finally necessary to purchase a home. They bought a house and have

spent several months in re-modeling and fitting this for a perfect club home. And the home has so grown that it is now fitted up as a public library, a rest room, with kitchen, etc., attached. The original cost of this building was about \$700.00, and the money for the purchase and for re-modeling was raised by private subscription, Lyceum and home-talent entertainment and in many other ways. They maintain the library by letting out the rooms to private individuals for entertainments and to different organizations for like purposes.

### SOCIAL CULTURE

God has made us social beings. Fellowship, Companionship, Communion. These are a trinity of demands of our nature. This suggests another possibility of the club, that is to be—to inspire the girls and young women of Newport with the determination to have as their fellow associates and sweet-hearts, none but the pure, the clean and the sober. This would be a long way toward happy homes and unbroken hearts.

### CIVIC CULTURE

We do not love our town. We are not loyal to her interests. We are without public spirit. Hence we have no town hall, no public library, no park, no place for our country friends while in town to have a toilet and rest. It might be possible by an organized effort on the part of the good women of Newport to incite the men of the town to love their town better and bring about a change in our town life and ways. In this connection, I might state that a club organized for Civic Improvement alone began by cleaning up the town. They first appointed a general cleaning up day. By getting the Mayor and other town officials interested, they were provided with garbage cans for every street

corner, where all papers and trash were to be deposited, to be hauled later to some sink-hole in the town that needed filling. These good women got rid of unsightly hitching racks that were the first objects to greet the eye when coming into or passing through the town. These, instead of being on the public square and in the broiling sun, where the poor horses were literally scorched by the heat and eaten up by flies, were placed on a rear street, just as convenient, but in a more shaded and less conspicuous place. Instead of these hitching posts the ladies now have a beautiful public square. One town in particular, has a drinking fountain. It is so arranged that all the horses can be watered, and it is an ornament rather than an eyesore. Such clubs are in many towns, and it is sufficient to say that they accomplish wonders along these lines. We can do the same and more, if we only try. It will take unlimited time and energy to say nothing of the other things, but if we make up our minds to go at it, and stick to it, regardless of seeming difficulties, there is certainly no end to the good we may do.

The possibilities would run ad infinitum, but I have mentioned enough to show you that the field is ripe for the harvest. These four possibilities call to us with a loud voice, Shall we not heed. "The love you liberate in your work is the love you keep."

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